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The Way to His Heart

by Win Hanssen



LIVING at college and living at home are two entirely different worlds, it has been said. And the author of this statement is, to the utmost degree, right in every way. There is a different social atmosphere in your home town than there is at college, there are different ways to dress, and above all, different ways to date.

Iowa State College has the reputation of having three boys for every girl—and yet, on nights of the biggest dances of the year, you find some Iowa State coeds sitting in the dormitory wondering why they didn't get an invitation to the dance.

There are numerous reasons for this, especially from a boy's viewpoint. First

don't become too decorative in dress. You may be able to afford it, and you may have a lot of compliments on your dress, but be reasonable about it. The boy may have only a \$15 or \$20 tuxedo. Be attractive, but still conservative in your dress.

Cosmetics may very easily make a girl unattractive if she doesn't know how to wear them. Easy on the lipstick, easy on the rouge and powder, and, above all, easy on the eyelids and eyelashes. Use just enough makeup to enhance your natural beauty.

Its name is constantly changing: sparking, necking, petting, and now smooching, but just the same, there's a time and place for it. If you're in love, keep your feelings to yourself during the daylight. And, above all, don't neck on your first date. That's out, even if a boy tries it. He is just testing your rating.

Keep your manners well polished. Men are always being told that their

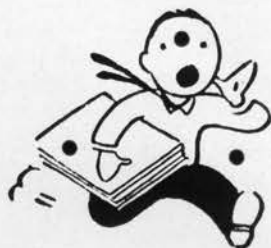
pledge, do so, you'll never regret it.

If you don't have a sense of humor, develop one in a hurry, and keep it. But remember, if a joke really strikes you as being funny, don't cackle out above all the rest in the room.

If you can't dance, don't accept a date to one. Girls talk over their dates, and boys do it, too. If you aren't a good dancer and keep accepting dates anyway, your dates in time will simmer down to none, and you'll be sitting at home. Learn to dance well, then accept. Above all, though, don't start leading girls around in the dormitory dances, unless you can still follow a leader gracefully.

When you go to a dance, you like your escort to be attentive to you. And don't think for one minute that he doesn't want your attention, too. If the evening starts growing a bit dull, start a conversation about his activities and his interests. Leave your home-town boy friend out of it. Forget you ever had one when with someone else. If you can sing, really sing, I mean, go ahead and sing softly to him while dancing, but if you can't sing, forget it.

Don't be a gold-digger. Usually when a boy takes you out to eat, he has a



of all, many women are stiff on dates. They don't know how to carry on a good conversation. They don't know how to relax and be natural. As a popular song went last spring, "Let Yourself Go." That one word, RELAX, is one of the secrets to successful dating.

Then of course there comes a problem of what to do on a date. Any girl's reputation will fall from 100 percent to zero with real fellows if she indulges in drinking liquor and gets drunk.

Then comes the question of smoking. As the Cyclone Cellar in the Memorial Union is the only place on the campus where smoking is permitted, it should be done there. To defy traditional campus regulations is not a mark of good breeding. If you must smoke, smoke in private, not as a display on the campus or on a dance floor.

Then there's a problem of what to wear. You're young yet, so dress that way. But there's the other extreme, too,



manners are not all that they should be, but girls' manners may be just as bad. Keep up on your table manners; don't forget to say "thank you" when a boy opens the door for you; always remember to tell him that you had a good time on a date, and don't be disappointed if you don't receive a corsage from your date for a dance. Some boys can afford it, some can't. You'll get one if you take your boy friend to a dance, without a doubt, but otherwise don't let the lack of one bother you.

You don't necessarily have to be a sorority girl to get along on the campus, but if you have the money and can



certain amount to spend. Casually ask him what he is going to order and follow suit. Tell him, not the waiter, what you would like. It is his place to give the order for both of you.

If a boy asks you for a date and suggests going for a walk, don't be disappointed. It's an inexpensive way of spending an evening and indicates that he prefers your company to staying at home.